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RE:

MUR 6706 (Schiff for Senate)

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Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

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I. INTRODUCTION

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On December 18, 2012, the Commission found reason to believe that Schiff for Senate and Andrew Schiff in his official capacity as treasurer (the "Committee"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by failing to disclose all of its receipts and disbursements. See RR12L-07 Certification (Dec. 20. 2012). The Commission authorized us to attempt to settle the violations through preprobable cause conciliation, and instructed us to negotiate pro-compliance measures. Id. Attached is a signed conciliation agreement

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We recommend the Commission accept the signed agreement.

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II. **DISCUSSION**

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 Given these circumstances, as well as the Committee's willingness to obtain additional funding from another source to pay a civil penalty, we believe that the conciliation agreement is a fair resolution of this matter.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Schiff for Senate and Andrew Schiff, in his official capacity as treasurer.
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters.
- 3. Close the file.